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WHITE HOUSE GOSSIP.

Perquisites and Pleasures of Our Chief Magistrate.

Uncle Sam Pays for His Butler and His Housekeeper. But He Has to Pay His Barber Out of His Own Pocket.

(Special Washington Letter.)

Although considerable was recently told in a special letter concerning the routine life, the salary and expenses of the president of the United States, there are many other interesting details concerning the chief magistracy, and the perquisites and pleasures of high official position.

In the first place, the president is given a handsome residence called the executive mansion, but more commonly known as the white house. It is really a white house, constructed of pure marble. Moreover, the grounds surrounding the presidential residence are ample and beautiful. The lawns, trees, flowers, fountains, conservatory and house furnishings are supplied and cared for at the expense of the government.

One of the funny things during the taking of the census of 1890 was the official return made by President Harrison. He filled out the regular blank, declaring that he was a citizen of the United States, a lawyer by profession, that he was temporarily residing in Washington, that his income was \$50,000 per annum, and that it was sufficient to support his family. He also certified that the house in which he resided was "not mortgaged."

Although the expenses of state dinners are paid out of the president's salary, all of the table equipments, including the silver, glassware, china, mirrors and floral decorations are furnished by the government. Congress provides appropriations to replace worn-out or broken furniture, linen and other household necessities. During the Hayes administration a china dinner set was paid for by the government, and it cost \$5,000. The white house butler and housekeeper are paid for by the government, but the president is obliged to hire his own cook and other household servants.

The butler is usually called the steward, and he receives a regular salary for looking after the domestic affairs of the executive mansion. He buys the ice, coal and groceries, and also attends to the marketing. He sees to it that the gas and electric lights are always in order, so that the president is thereby relieved of many little household details which were originally looked after by Presidents Washington, Jefferson, Jackson and their successors down to the time of President Polk, who first induced the congress to make an appropriation for a white house butler. This official is also an important functionary in that he relieves the wife of the president of many details of housekeeping which ordinarily would fall upon the mistress of the mansion.

The housekeeper is paid a regular salary by the government, and it is her duty to superintend the chambermaids and supervise the minor details of housekeeping. She sees to it that the kitchen and dining-room are kept in order; that the meals are served on time; that the president's lunch is served in the dining-room, the cabinet room, in his private office, or in the library, wherever he may choose to have it brought. President Arthur and President Cleveland have often had their lunches served where it was most handy for them to partake, while attending to pressing business. In order that you may understand this little household irregularity, you must understand that it takes five



THE WHITE HOUSE COOK.

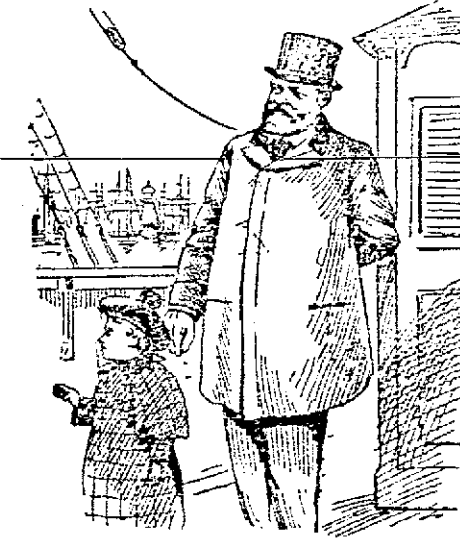
minutes or more to go from the business part of the mansion to the dining-room, and sometimes the president has not five minutes to spare in the middle of the day. It does not often happen, but when it does occur, the lunch must be served wherever the president wants it served. The housekeeper also sees to it that the linen is aired, the beds made and rugs shaken, and the carpets kept perfectly clean. Inasmuch as she is obliged to look after the red parlor, blue parlor, east room and other portions of the official and public part of the white house, as well as the residence portion, the housekeeper is a pretty busy woman, and earns her salary.

The congress makes an annual appropriation of \$8,000 for the stationery, telegrams and other contingent expenses; and that is seldom a sufficient sum for the payment of all contingent expenses, so that sometimes the president is obliged to use his private funds for library books and other contingent expenses, which are necessarily incident to his office, and in no sense personal to himself.

One of the best presidential perquisites is the steam yacht which is placed at the disposal of the president by the secretary of the navy. For many years the Dispatch has been used by presidents for recreational trips, but President Cleveland prefers the light-house tender Violette, a little boat which cannot run into shallow creeks and bays where good hunting abounds.

President Arthur and President Harrison often used the Dispatch for cruises around Chesapeake bay, and occasionally for trips to New York and the New England coast. The Tallapoosa was a swift sloop which was often used by President Hayes; but the Tallapoosa was sunk in collision with a Yankee fishing smack off the Massachusetts coast, and the Dispatch has been the official yacht for the presidents ever since.

Do you remember that when Harrison was president he had a grandson named Benny McKee? He was no brighter and no better than other little boys, but the newspapers were filled with laudations of Benny McKee, and his peculiarities. One morning President Harrison went aboard the Dispatch for a trip down the Potomac, and took his family with him. Of course Benny McKee was there, too. In compliance with the request of the employees at the navy yard, President Harrison came on deck and began to make a little speech to the men, when Benny McKee inside the yacht began to cry and howl over some baby trouble. He yelled and howled and howled, until he broke up the speech of his grandfather, who went inside, pacified the kid, and then came back to conclude his speech to the workmen. When he went on his speech-making tour in 1891, President Harrison did not take Benny McKee with him. He consequently did not have his oratory disturbed by competition with the erratic lungs of his precocious grandchild. During the present administration the secretary of the navy has made use of



HE PACIFIED THE KID.

the Dispatch for his own pleasure trips because President Cleveland preferred the Violette and the Oneida.

If he were disposed to accept them, the president might have many perquisites in the form of presents from the people. There is a man in Connecticut who sends a splendid turkey to the president every Christmas day, and another for the New Year dinner at the white house. He has been doing this for a score of years. It is generally understood, however, that presidents will not accept presents, and the practice formerly prevalent is practically discontinued. Once upon a time there was a Virginian who sent to President Andrew Jackson a cheese so large that it would not go through any of the white house doors or windows; and Gen. Jackson had it cut out on the big front lawn, and invited the citizens of the little village of Washington to come and help themselves. At that time there were no more than 15,000 or 20,000 people in all the District of Columbia.

The president who has a family and who loves his children must have a high appreciation of the spacious grounds about the white house, in which the children may play with abandon and in safety. The wide-spreading trees, the velvet lawn, the fountains, the flowers, are all surrounded by a high iron fence and every gate is guarded by a watchman. There children may play without fear of assault or accident, while the children of tens of thousands of other dwellers in cities must be cooped up in their houses or play in the snareless, cramped little yards. The mansion itself and the surrounding grounds may be regarded as among the president's best official perquisites.

Senators when in Washington have free shaves and shins in the senate barber shop at the capitol building; but the president is obliged to hire his own barber and bootblack. He has no perquisites of an unnecessary or questionable nature. The fish commissioner furnishes the white house aquarium with gold fish and other fancy fishes, while the horticultural and agricultural departments furnish all varieties of flowers in addition to those which are grown in the large conservatory of the white house; but these little decorations and ornamental beauties are really the perquisites of the president's wife; for fancy fish and flowers are more pleasing to the feminine than the masculine eyes.

I once knew a president whose policy proved to be unpopular during his incumbency of office, and very few senators or representatives called upon him. When thinking of his loneliness in his high position, and contrasting the lives of other presidents who daily receive the official and social calls of upwards of 50 of the leading men of this nation, it has occurred to me that the friendship and admiration of the people is a perquisite of the president which is attainable by no other American citizen in any other position, or under any other circumstances. Undoubtedly the president who was shunned by his own party leaders and ignored by the leaders of the opposition, would gladly have counted the friendship of the people a greater perquisite of his office than the salary and all other emoluments combined. The three great attributes of Washington are known to all, but it seems to me that while it was a pleasure to have "first in war," and also to have been "first in peace," his greatest delight must have been in a realization of the fact that he was "first in the hearts of his countrymen."

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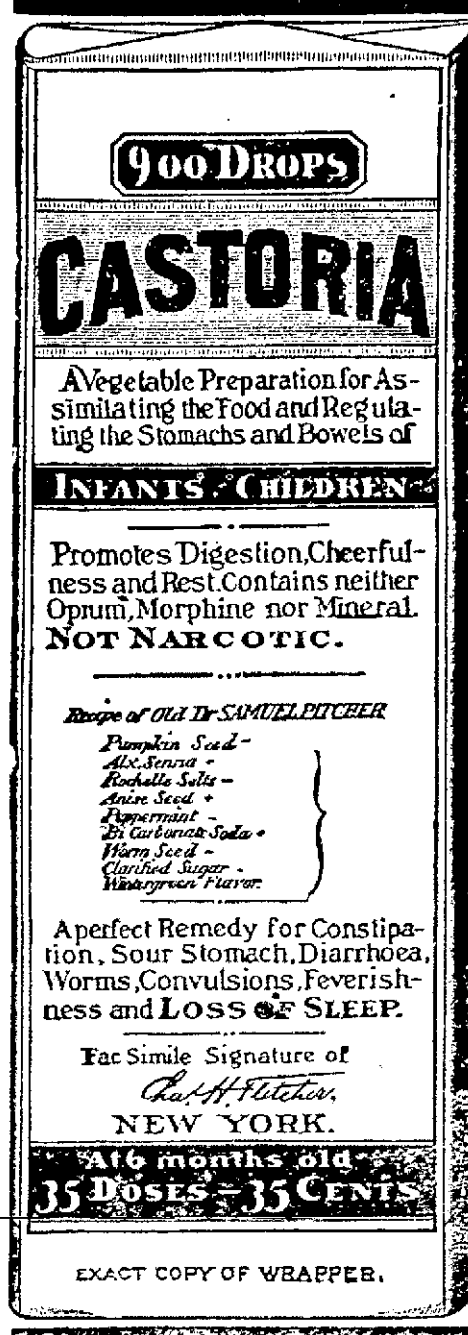
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ORANGE VALLEY C. E. UNION.

Fifth Anniversary and Regular Quarterly Meeting to Be Held in This City.

The fifth anniversary and regular quarterly meeting of the Orange Valley Christian Endeavor Union will be held in the Second Presbyterian Church, this city, this evening, at 7:45 o'clock.

The programme is as follows:

Service of Song..... J. H. Fox
Responsive Reading..... Harry Woodward
Hymn No. 227..... For Christ and the Church
Address..... Rev. Robert B. Clark
Hymn No. 113..... What a Wonderful Saviour
Reports of Societies.....
Report of Union Officers.....
Prayer.....
Hymn No. 266..... God be with you till we meet again.
C. E. Benediction.....

The officers of the Union are:

President—James X. Mapes, Howells.
Vice-President—W. P. Kaufman, Otisville.
Secretary—Miss Ida E. Stitt, Circleville.
Treasurer—Mrs. Glover Chapman, Bloomingtonburg.

"THE AMERICAN GIRL."

A Great Dramatic Success the Next

Casino Attraction.

"The American Girl," last season's biggest success, will be the bill offered at the Casino, Monday, Sept. 28th. This attraction comes in the height of a brilliant success, promising one of the most varied entertainments seen here this season.

The play tells the story of a plot

against the happiness of a young married couple and their twin babies, resulting for a time in the separation and unhappiness, but ends the proper way.

Much of the interest in the play centers

in the work of two children, Violet Moore and La Petite Fawn, who play the parts of "Prince Roy" and "Little Lady." The talent displayed by these little tots is said to be extraordinary.

LED HER WITH A ROPE.

How an Oneonta Man Punished an Erring

Wife.

An Oneonta woman, tiring of the dull routine of home life, started with a party of male and female friends for an outing. Her husband pursued her on a bicycle and commanded her to return home. She did not obey at once and the husband tied a rope about her waist and mounting his wheel started homeward. The woman hung back and the man had to dismount and trundle the wheel and drag his reluctant spouse, but at last managed to reach home with his outfit. Naturally the strange procession attracted a very great deal of attention.

W. C. T. U. Supper.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will have a supper at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tannery, Lake avenue, corner of Hanford street, to-morrow, (Fri) evening.

The "Junior Mandolin Club" is expected to be present and other good musicians also. A general invitation is extended to gentlemen as well as ladies.

VERNON, N. J.

Many Interesting Personal and Local

Notes.

Correspondence of ARGUS and MERCURY.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Parker were in

Warwick, Tuesday.

—Warren N. Wood, of Stockholm, was

in this place, last Monday.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Van Orden, of

Butler, N. J., were visiting relatives in

this place, one day last week.

—Hon. "Jack" Rogers, of New York,

addressed a free silver meeting in Decker-

town, last Friday evening. A few per-

sons from this place listened to his able

argument.

—Mrs. Holley, of Stockholm, is visiting

her daughter, Mrs. Nathan House, in this

place.

—The Republicans of this township

hosted a McKinley and Hobart ban-

quet, Wednesday night. A "single gold

standard" meeting was addressed by

Congressman Madison Pinney.

—Miss Edith Longwell, of New York

city, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ralph

Osborn in this place.

—That part of the "breakneck" road

known as the "narrows" is sadly in

need of repairs, the recent rains having

completely washed the dirt off the stone,

leaving it in nearly an impassable con-

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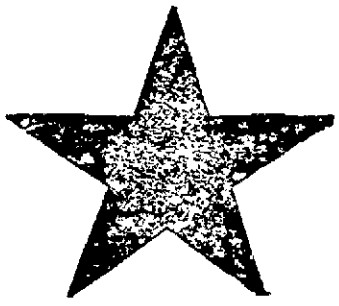
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THURSDAY, SEPT. 24, 1896.



For President,
WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN,
of Nebraska.

For Vice-President,
ARTHUR SEAWALL,
of Maine.

For Governor,
JOHN BOYD THACHER,
of Albany.

For Lieutenant-Governor,
WILBUR F. PORTER,
of Jefferson.

For Judge of the Court of Appeals,
ROBERT C. TITTS,
of Erie.

COUNTY CONVENTION.

The Democrats of the several towns and wards of Dutchess county are requested to send the delegates to which they are severally entitled to the County Convention, to be held at Goshen, Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 10 p. m., to nominate candidates for county officers, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the convention.

By order of County Committee.

CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

The Democratic convention for the Seventeenth Congressional District, composed of the counties of Orange, Sullivan and Rockland, will meet at the Casino, in the city of Middletown, at 10 o'clock p. m., Thursday, Oct. 1-5, 1896, to nominate a candidate for Representative in Congress for said district, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the convention.

By order of the Congressional Committee.

Just what Hill's interest is in John B. Thacher and his attempted straddle is one of the mysteries of the campaign that baffles even the most astute politicians.

It is believed in Albany that John B. Thacher will withdraw from the ticket. His bid for the support of the gold Democrats has proved of no effect, and in making it he brought down upon him, self the wrath of thousands of earnest silver Democrats. He tried to please every one, but has pleased no one except Senator Hill.

Dutchess county Republicans are very angry because of the announcement that Boss Odell proposes to nominate M. H. Hirschberg for Supreme Court Judge. They are publishing in the newspapers threats of what will happen in their candidate, Samuel K. Phillips, is shoved aside, and say in effect that Mr. Odell may be strong enough to nominate Mr. Hirschberg but is not strong enough to elect him if Dutchess county's claims are ignored.

Platt says of John B. Thacher that "when a man says he believes one way and intends to vote another he places himself where the public can put no confidence in the honesty of his motives." Mr. Platt forgets the sneers against McKinley in which he indulged before the St. Louis convention, and in which he denounced the Republican candidate as an unsafe man, unworthy of the support of any one who sincerely believed in sound money. Platt is hitting himself over Thacher's shoulders.

The managers of the Mount Holly, N. J., fair had arranged for a joint debate, yesterday, between Senator Tillman and Judge Lansing, of Nebraska, who had been selected by the Republican National Committee. At the last minute Judge Lansing declined to speak on the ground that he would not be "part of a political side show." The gold organs in chronicling the incident gleefully announce that the Democrats were "defeated." The exigencies of this campaign make necessary great haste in the use of the English language.

WOULD END THE HOARDING OF GOLD.

From the Cincinnati Enquirer:
"The Treasury could do good by to the gold reserve in the event of the election of Mr. Bryan." It is a solemn announcement from the gold bug camp. This is a mistake. Mr. Bryan would undoubtedly appoint a Secretary of the Treasury who would exercise the option as to the redemption of United States notes in gold or silver instead of giving it to the gold speculators in New York. This would discourage the hoarding of gold for speculative purposes and there would be plenty of it to the Treasury.

ONE OF THE CURIOSITIES OF THIS YEAR'S POLITICS.

The singular spectacle is presented in Georgia of the Republican national committee man for that State (Major Jackson W. Lyons) urging the negroes to support Governor Atkinson (Dem.) for re-election in the Georgia State election next month. Lyons explains that he takes this step because of Atkinson's strong efforts to put down lynching in Georgia and his unending fairness to the colored people.

Poison ivy, insect bites, bruises, scalds, burns, are quickly cured by Dr. Witt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great pain cure, W. D. Olney.

AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN.

Bryan and Seawall Club Meeting—Sprained His Ankle—Cake and Apron Sale and Supper.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

The newly organized Bryan and Seawall Club will meet, to-night, in the Pinn building on Greenwich street.

E. R. Rockefeller, an employee of the Newberry Foundry Company, is suffering from a severely sprained ankle sustained by falling down the cellar stairs.

You are invited to attend the cake and apron sale by the Epworth League at the M. E. Church parlors, this evening. Supper will be served from 5 to 8.

One hundred and fifty tickets for the Erie's New York excursion were sold in this village, yesterday.

The boys attending the schools in this village have organized a foot ball team with Prof. Goldthwaite of the Institute as president and are anxious to arrange games with other teams in Orange county. A musical and literary entertainment will be given in Music Hall, Thursday evening for the benefit of the team, at which Rev. Geo. C. Betts will read humorous selections.

THE WHEELMEN'S PARADE.

Its Success Assured—Committee Named at Last Night's Meeting.

In the interest of the bicycle parade on the evening of October 7th, a very enthusiastic meeting of wheelmen was held last night, at Excelsior's parlors. The interest manifested leaves no doubt about there being a large and fine parade. The meeting was called to order by Zopher K. Greene, chairman, and Frank W. Elliott was made secretary. The following committees were appointed:

A committee of fifteen ladies to arouse interest among all wheelmen as follows: Mrs. D. H. Arthur, Misses Manger, Bessie Myers, Lillian Cox, Belle Wilcox, Nettie Beakes, Crissie Iseman, Luia Merritt, Inez Weller, Mattie Corder, Irene Hathaway, Clarabel Gardner, Bertha Morgans, Mrs. Geo. F. Close and Mrs. D. L. Prime. A meeting of this committee is called at Excelsior's parlors, at 5 p. m., Friday, Sept. 25th.

Committee to receive prizes from merchants and others who may wish to offer: Geo. Otis, Lewis Day, Geo. Bowler, Geo. H. Iseman and Wm. Seebolder.

Committee on Judges—Dr. Royce, Dr. Arthur and Robt. Terhune.

Committee to confer with Ladies' Committee—Dr. Royce, John H. King, Lewis Day and Robt. Terhune.

Committee to send invitation to wheelmen in other towns—John H. King, Robt. Terhune, Walter S. Weeks and Chas. Kothman.

Dr. F. C. Royce was elected grand marshal and Dr. Arthur and John H. King, aides.

A Costly Experiment.

The railroad employees say that the experiment of running passenger locomotives through from Jersey City to Susquehanna, which the management of the road inaugurated several months ago, is proving a costly one, for the locomotives do not receive the care that they did when run over only one division and are wearing out very rapidly.

Sussex County Republican Nominations.

The Republicans of Sussex County at Newton, Tuesday, nominated Horace E. Rude for Assemblyman, Oscar Northrup for Sheriff and Drs. John Moore, Joseph P. Cross and John N. Miller for Coroners.

WORRYING ABOUT THE WORKING MAN.

From the Birmingham (Ala.) State Herald:
We doubt if the bankers, bondholders, trust barons, railroad magnates, gold gamblers, bond gobs and shysters have had such a trying time before in the history of the world. They can't sleep now at nights for worrying over the possibility of laboring men doing themselves irreparable injury. The working people everywhere are for free coinage. They think it would be of benefit to themselves, but the bondholders and shysters of every description know better.

Cures

"Cures talk" in favor of Hood's Sarsaparilla, or no other medicine. Its great cures recorded in truthful, convincing language of grateful men and women, constitute its most effective advertising. Many of these cures are marvelous. They have won the confidence of the people; have given blood-sarsaparilla the largest sale in the world, and have made necessary for its manufacture the greatest laboratory in existence. Hood's Sarsaparilla is known by the cures it has made—cures of scrofula, skin eruptions and eruptions, cures of rheumatism, neuralgia and weak nerves, cures of dyspepsia, liver troubles, catarrh—cures which prove

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LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

WILL NOT EMPLOY LAWYERS.

Tynan Rejects the Suggestion of the American Consul and Expects the Republic to do Him Justice.

BY UNITED PRESS.

BOULOGNE, Sept. 24.—Tynan has rejected the suggestion of the United States consul that he employ French lawyers, named by the consul, to defend him and has informed the consul that he relied upon the Republic to do him justice. Tynan looks very pale and haggard, and his health is rapidly breaking down.

PLANS OF BOLTING DEMOCRATS.

BY UNITED PRESS.

New York, Sept. 24.—It is understood that the National Democracy convention in Brooklyn to-night will nominate Daniel G. Griffin, of Watertown, for Governor, and Congressman Bartlett, of New York, for Lieutenant-Governor, if they will accept.

TO KEEP GOLD IN ENGLAND.

BY UNITED PRESS.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—The Bank of England has advanced its rate of discount from 2½ to 3 per cent.

OBITUARY.

Hiram S. Wilkinson.

Hiram Seymour Wilkinson, died Tuesday, at 3:30 p. m., at his home, a mile south of Circleville, after a long and painful illness, which dated from February, 1888, when he was stricken with pneumonia, which left him in such a helpless state that he was confined to his bed most of the time since.

He was born April 27th, 1816, a mile and a half west of Circleville, and was one of thirteen children born to Jonathan and Hannah Puff Wilkinson, of whom three survive: James B., of Brooklyn; Washington, of Newburgh, and Phoebe, wife of William Maltby.

He learned the mason's trade and later that of carpenter, and worked at it for several years, when he engaged in the manufacture of agricultural implements. He, however, worked at carpentering for many years and built many of the houses in the neighborhood in which he lived.

In 1844 he purchased the farm on which he lived until his death, and on which he erected a house and carpenter shop, the latter of which was burned just one week after its erection. He rebuilt the shop and engaged in the manufacture of churning machines, well curbs and iron fences. He enjoyed the distinction of building the first endless chain churning machine power in the State of New York.

In 1871 his house, shop and other buildings were destroyed by fire. He erected the present buildings in 1872. Mr. Wilkinson was an Old School Baptist by birth, and in 1864, with his wife, joined the Old School Baptist Church near Rockville, and was a member at the time of his death.

During the war he was lieutenant of the home militia and was discharged with honor at its close.

Through all his sufferings he was patient, but longed for the end that he might be at rest.

Mr. Wilkinson was a plain man and lived an honest, upright life and prospered. He was a kind, indulgent father, good citizen and excellent neighbor. In business he was fair dealing and his word was considered as good as gold.

He will be greatly missed, especially in his own home. He lived to see many of his old friends and neighbors pass away and all can truly say that the world has been benefited by his example.

William Watson.

William Watson died in this city, last night, aged fifty-four years. He was formerly engaged in the clothing business in Paterson and for the past three years has spent his summers at A. Little's at Dolans-town.

The funeral will be held at the residence of George Gillett at 7:30 o'clock, this evening. The interment will be in Greenwood, to-morrow.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CRINLEY & CO., Toledo, O.
We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Crinley for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm. Wm. & T. C. Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O., Wm. & T. C. Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O., Wm. & T. C. Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials free. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

If You Will Use a Little Reasoning and not be influenced by the claim that catarrh is a blood disease, you can easily prove that catarrh is climatic. Have you not the severest catarrhal attacks during winter and spring, and have you but little evidence of catarrh during the summer? Yes, Well, this proves it is a climatic disorder, influencing the membrane of the nasal passages. It is a waste of time and money to invest in blood remedies. The proper treatment is a local application, and the most prompt to cure is that popular remedy, Ely's Cream Balm.

When we consider that the intestines are about five times as long as the body we can realize the intense suffering experienced when they become inflamed. Do Witt's Colic and Cholera Cure subdues inflammation at once and completely relieves the difficulty. W. D. Olney.

AUTUMN DRESS GOODS!

We show the latest productions of foreign and domestic makers. Among the new weaves are Zibelines, Illuminated Canvas, Novelty Cheviots, Matelasse Effects.

Together with an elegant collection of Black Dress Goods. We can please you in variety and price.

Our fall line of Kid Gloves is now ready. All warranted.

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1896 IN FULL BLAST. READY-MADE CLOTHING! 1896

Look at our Nobby Suits. Extra Pantaloon and Overcoats.

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We have received our complete stock in all the latest blocks—Youman and our celebrated Soft Band Hat. Full stock of Tourist and Crush Hats, all at popular prices.

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We are showing the finest selected stock of Suitings, Overcoating and Trousers in the city. We have already taken a large number of orders. The cool weather reminds people they have to prepare themselves with heavier clothing. All are invited to call on

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No. 41 North Street, Middletown.

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DRESS GOODS.

Novel Designs and Small Prices Rule.

Gilbert Homespun, 10 styles, 12½ cents.

Gilbert Henriettas, 10 styles, 15 cents.

All wool Serges \$1.75 per dress
Extra fine wool Serges \$2.28 per dress.

Black Dress Goods, 20 styles, from 22c to \$1 per yard.

Fancy Effects, 20 styles, \$2.19 per dress.

100 pairs Blankets, grey and white, 49c per pair.

Ready-made Sheets, etc.

White Counterpanes very low.

Ladies' Vests. A special price 25 cents, worth 39 cents.

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HAS ALL KINDS OF SCHOOL BOOKS

New and Second-Hand.

A Great Variety of Writing Tablets

Also Pencil Tablets 1 ct to 10 cents, Slates, Blackboard Crayon and everything for school and office use.

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A Double or Single Standard

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E. P. Roe's novels in cloth fresh and new, only 68 cents.

"Grant's Personal Memoirs" only \$1.

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Handy Books—Attractive, too, at a handy price, only 25 cents.

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Will have to start to school soon. He'll need new clothes. Vacations are particularly demoralizing on clothing. His mind is clear and fresh now, ready for his studies. Clothe him in a neat, stylish suit, and let him work untrammelled. Poor clothing muddles the brain. It has a way of persistently pushing itself into view. It can't be forgotten. There are immense values here for mothers of school boys. We have made special preparations for the school boy, and will help you all we can.

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Fine Pants to order \$4 up.
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One Price Clothier,
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FRESH VEGETABLES EVERY MORNING

Nice Lettuce, Celery, Cucumbers, Beets, Carrots, Parsley, nice Egg Plant, Sweet Potatoes, Green Lima Beans, Sweet Mango Peppers, home-grown Muskmelons, Crab-apples, Peaches and Green Tomatoes. Now if you want a good dinner, drop around to

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New White Drip Syrup 30c a Gallon

TRY OUR GOLDEN SHIELD BAKING POWDER!

It's sure to give you satisfaction—One pound can 15 cents, ½ pound cans 10 cents, ¼ pound cans 5 cents. We always have a fine line of

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The fine residence, known as the late John C. ... No. 135 West Main street. House contains 10 rooms, steam heat, gas, and all modern improvements; lot about 54x150. This is a close an estate and is a fine opportunity for a bargain

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Fine China Specialties, Handsome Decorated Dinner and Tea Sets, etc. They sell because the prices are right.

Our Carpet Department is replete with beautiful designs and colorings.

Our Upholstering Department is very attractive, and we make it most interesting to those in need of anything in our line. Come and see us.

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Furniture Co.

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GOING TO A DRUG STORE you need confidence in the purity and excellence of your purchase. Our long experience, the great variety and excellence of our stock and the careful organization of our business, guarantee you all you require.

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We have our fall line of Ladies' Muslin Underwear on our counters. It is the celebrated "Eagle" brand, and is the finest finished and best fitting line in the market. We offer this gown at the special price of **69 CTS.**

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DAILY ARGUS.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24, 1896.

OPEN EVENINGS.

THE BUSINESS OFFICE OF THE "ARGUS" IS OPEN EVENINGS FROM SEVEN UNTIL EIGHT O'CLOCK.

WEATHER INDICATIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 24.—Generally fair; warmer southwesterly winds.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Proctor's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., 46°; 12 m., 69°; 3 p. m., 71°.

AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION.

Sept. 24.—New England Supper, at the North Street Church.
Sept. 25.—"The Man in the Iron Mask," at the Casino.
Sept. 26.—"The American Girl," at the Casino.
Sept. 27.—Parade of Middle-town Fire Department.
Oct. 1.—Walkill's ball, at Casino.
Oct. 9, 10.—Tuxedo Days, at Goshen.
Oct. 14, 15.—Orange County Circuit, at Campbell track.
Oct. 21, 22.—Orange County Circuit, at Port Jervis.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—Good wood for sale by E. H. Gregory.
—Beautiful—cabinet goods at C. E. Crawford Furniture Co's.
—Ladies' and gents' underwear cheap at the Economy Store.
—Fall overcoats \$4 up at Backus & Co's.
—Girl wanted to do general house-work.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Firemen's parade two weeks from to-day.
—"The American Girl" at the Casino, next Monday evening.
—It is said that snow fell in Paterson at 11:30 Tuesday night.
—"The Man in the Iron Mask" will be the attraction at the Casino, Saturday evening.

—The Erie paymaster made his regular monthly visit to-day. He is always a hearty welcome.

—Partridges and gray squirrels are reported as unusually abundant in many places along the line of the O. & W.

—Newburgh's Liquor Dealers' Association has voted to disband and to spend the \$35 in its treasury for a clam bake next Sunday.

—The iron for the addition to the laundry at the State Hospital, which is being constructed by Lindsey & Co., arrived to-day.

—Since the first opening of the Hackberron Centenary Institute, three of its students have tried suicide, and out of these two were successful.

—Orange County's hop crop is about sixty per cent. short of that of last season. Growers hope for better prices than have prevailed in recent years.

—Mr. Arney speaks to-night, in the Baptist Church, to-morrow night in the Faith Mission, Saturday night in the Mission. Mr. Arney will talk on his experience as an actor.

—Cattle have been in good demand at good prices in Sullivan and Delaware counties, but the lowering of the milk price has caused drovers to stop buying unless they can get cattle very cheap.

PERSONAL.

—Mrs. J. C. Keck and sister, Miss Hattie Wilson, returned to their homes on Friday morning after a visit with their cousin, Thos. E. Ferris, at Catskill-on-the-Hudson.

—Charles Vaughn and John McLean, of Paterson, rode to this city yesterday on a tandem wheel and are spending a few days with Mr. McLean's sisters on Lake Avenue.

—Rev. George D. Silliman, of Grace Church, Albany, was in attendance, yesterday, on the meeting of the Archdeaconry of Orange. He returned home this morning. During his stay in this city he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Townor, of Mills Avenue.

THREW HIMSELF IN FRONT OF AN ERIE TRAIN

William M. Davenport, forty-three years old, once a well-to-do resident of Paterson, but who has of late been in hard luck, applied to acquaintances in Ridgewood, yesterday, for money with which to pay his fare to Paterson. He threatened to kill himself if the money was not forthcoming. He did not get it and when a train came along threw himself in front of the engine and was cut to pieces.

KNOCKED DOWN WITH A LUMP OF COAL.

Last evening, while the yard crew were cooling the switch engine at the Summit, Wilhelm C. H. Wuthill, was accidentally struck on the head by a chunk of coal and knocked down. He received a deep cut on the head, but no serious results will follow. He is about to-day.

BOUGHT BY A "SOUND MONEY SYNDICATE."

The *Sussex Record*, which has been published at Newton, by Howard Little, has been bought by the Sound Money Syndicate Company and will be run as a gold organ.

DONATION VISIT.

The friends of Elder Benton Jenkins will make their annual donation visit at his residence on Academy Avenue, this evening.

A MILLION GOLD DOLLARS.

Would not bring happiness to the person suffering with dyspepsia, but Hood's Sarsaparilla has cured many thousands of cases of this disease. It tones the stomach, regulates the bowels and puts all the machinery of the system in good working order. It creates a good appetite and gives health, strength and happiness.

Hood's Pills act harmoniously with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Cure all liver ills. 25 cents.

WITH ALL MASONIC RITES

THE CORNER STONE OF THE ERIE DEPOT LAID WITH IMPOSING CEREMONIES.

A Memorable Day in Middletown's History—Very Great Interest in the Ceremonies—Many Masons and Throngs of Spectators Present—The Stone Laid in Accordance With Ancient Masonic Usage by Grand Master Stewart, Assisted by Officers of the Grand Lodge—Appropriate Addresses.

This is the biggest day Middletown has seen since the laying of the corner stone of the new academy building. After reading the accounts in the morning papers of the great demonstrations made in honor of William J. Bryan in Brooklyn, last night, our citizens laid aside politics for the day and talked and thought only of the laying of the corner stone of the new Erie depot.

Middletown has long asked the Erie for a new depot to take the place of the antiquated structure that was originally built for a store-house and was used for a depot for so many years and now that the re-organized Erie has yielded to their demands and is about to give them even a better depot than they asked, it is natural that they should be delighted and manifest much interest in the formal laying of the corner stone, and especially so when the ceremonies were under the direction of Hoffman Lodge and the Grand Master of the State of New York was present to lay the stone with Masonic pomp and ceremony.

Flags were hoisted on all buildings in the vicinity of the depot that were provided with flag staffs and many business places were decorated in honor of the occasion.

There were many people present from out of town; some came in wagons and the railroads carried many passengers. The Erie gave a special excursion rate and the other roads might have done a very courteous thing by giving a special rate to Masons who desired to visit the city on this occasion.

The Ellenville train brought the first delegation of Masons to the city. Others came in on all the morning trains. The Grand Masonic officers and Erie officials came on train 9 and were met at the depot and escorted to the Russell House by the reception committee consisting of the following:

Major W. M. Combs, chairman.
Ira L. Case, L. D. Fouquet, C. C. Lutes, S. M. Boyd, H. H. Blanchard, D. C. Dunsberry, J. F. Korn, W. L. Bagley, Dr. D. H. Arthur, S. S. Becker, C. Macardell, S. G. Beyer, W. C. F. Bastian, L. V. Bauer, Frank Bright, J. B. Carson, Dr. M. C. Connor, Dr. William Evans, J. C. Fisher, Jacob Gunther, C. J. Goring, L. C. Hoyt, W. D. Hall, Dr. J. B. Hallett, Carl A. Johnson, H. B. Kingsland, T. N. Little, I. Lipold, C. L. Mead, A. E. Nickerson, Dr. W. I. Parry, D. C. Roe, A. J. Ritz, J. W. Slanson, Dr. H. McD. Struble, J. D. Stivers, D. A. Taylor, E. W. Van Dazer, C. B. Wood, S. Wolf, T. A. Weller, L. G. Wilson.

At 1:30 o'clock those who were to participate in the ceremonies met at Masonic Hall and formed a procession headed by a platoon of police; then came the 24th Separate Company Band, visiting Masons, Sir Knights of Delaware Commandery, No. 44, members of Hoffman Lodge, No. 412, Erie officials, Mayor and Common Council, Grand Officers of Masons.

The procession marched through North street to Franklin Square, West Main street to James and to the depot.

Following the band came the Knight Templars, twenty-nine in all, representing Hudson River and Newburgh Commanderies, who made a brilliant showing in their gorgeous uniforms, white plumes and bright swords. Then came the members of Hoffman Lodge and visiting Masons, 150 in all, and then the Grand Master and staff numbering thirty-six in all.

Arriving at the depot members of Hoffman Lodge formed in two lines from the stand to the street and the Knights Templars formed lines inside of these, through which the Grand officers passed to the stand, the Knights presenting swords as they passed.

The Grand Herald commanded silence in the name of the Grand Master, and that official announced that he was about to lay the corner stone.

Erie Traveling Agent, E. H. Barto, then presented the Grandmaster with a silver trowel in behalf of the company in a brief address.

Rev. F. A. Heath offered prayer and "America" was sung, the band leading in the air.

The corner stone was then laid by the Grand Master according to the Masonic ritual, after which Mayor Stansbury made a brief speech in behalf of the city. He was followed by Wm. A. Marshall, of Port Jervis, for the Life Company.

The Grand Master then spoke briefly and was followed by Geo. W. Clark, District Deputy for this, the Tenth Masonic District.

This closed the proceedings at the depot and the procession returned and marched to Masonic Hall to prepare for a banquet to be served at the Assembly Rooms at 1 o'clock.

A GREAT CROWD WITNESSED THE CEREMONIES.

That Middletown was deeply interested in the proceedings was shown by the crowd that had assembled at the depot long before the hour set for the ceremonies. The surroundings were not at all favorable for such a gathering, as the space was limited at best and the piles of brick and other building material shut off the view of many who came to witness the ceremonies. The Erie officials had given orders to allow no trains to pass during

the proceedings and all the space on the tracks and platform, in the space around the depot, on top of the piles of brick, stone, sand and timber was filled and the streets were packed for half a block in all directions, and the windows and roofs of buildings that commanded a view of the spot were filled. Many persons who found they were unable to get within sight or hearing of those who were conducting the ceremonies, gave up the effort and returned to their homes or took up positions on the street where they could view the procession returning to the lodge room.

THE CORNER STONE AND ITS CONTENTS.

The corner stone of New Jersey brown stone, as are also the other trimmings of the building. On the side in which the panel is set, is the inscription: "A. D. 1896." In a cavity eighteen inches long, six inches wide and eight inches deep was placed a tin box, hermetically sealed, in which had been placed the following articles:

From the Grand Lodge of Masons of the State of New York—A copy of the constitution and statutes and list of officers for 1896.

Hoffman Lodge, F. and A. M., No. 412—Copy of the constitution and by-laws and lists of officers of 1891-5-6; programme of reception, April 15th, 1896, with list of committees; piece of copper on which was engraved: "H. C. Corwin, 5-96" list of committees of the lodge who arranged these ceremonies; lamb skin apron.

Erie Railway Company—Annual report, 1896; list of all officers, current time tables of main line and branches; programme of corner stone ceremonies and menu of banquet following; card of Travelling Agent E. H. Barto.

Wells-Fargo Express Co.—Official list of officers, agents and correspondents; list of employees at Middletown station.

Letter of Agent C. C. Lutes to Superintendent E. J. Crow regarding these ceremonies and the latter's reply; cards of E. J. Crow and C. C. Lutes.

J. M. Wright, ticket agent—Erie ticket Middletown to Goshen, No. 30,305, Sept. 24, 1896, photo of Erie yard, showing portion of old depot.

List of Erie employees of the passenger and freight departments of Middletown station.

J. A. Ketcham—Green ticket No. 56, of New York and Erie Road, Middletown to New York, signed by Henry Fitch, supposed to have been issued in 1848.

Gen. Lyon Post, G. A. R., No. 266—Copy of by-laws and roster of officers and members.

Newspapers—Copies of DAILY ARGUS, Daily Press, Daily Times, Semi-WEEKLY MERCURY, Semi-Weekly Press, Semi-Weekly Times, Signs of the Times, Conglomerate.

Business and personal cards of many citizens.

William Allen—Ticket, Unionville to Westtown, No. 1650, signed W. H. Barr, issued when the Middletown, Unionville and Water Gap road was leased by the Erie.

C. S. Mills—Ferry ticket No. 3,315, one of the first issue.

Julius Korn—Nickel date of 1867.

J. L. Adams—Engraved Columbian half dollar of 1892.

W. L. Bailey—Penny of 1896.

J. M. Wright—Pass, hotel department, Union Pacific R. R.

Names of contractor and workmen employed on the new building.

Charles Stalter—Campaign button.

Aug. Pfaff—Columbian half dollar of 1893.

The box in which the above articles were sealed was made by J. H. Conkling, the Depot street tinsmith.

The grand officers present were: John Stewart, grand master and the following members of his staff:

John R. Pope, E. Lowenstein, William H. Andrews, James A. Gilles, Levi S. Hulse, Matthew Taylor, Thomas Moore, Robert Judson Kenworthy, C. R. Huickon, J. T. Chapman, W. H. Dickinson, Andrew Jony, W. H. Goswam, Charles Cox, Joseph L. Silverer, Simon M. Lion, Aug. F. French, M. D. Fred J. Baum, C. F. Beatty, John H. Visscher, Ernest Ringor, Rupert T. G. Iggs, W. J. McDonald, J. H. Good, ody, Henry B. Penser.

ERIE OFFICIALS PRESENT.

The Erie officials present were General Superintendent C. R. Fitch, Division Superintendent M. W. Maguire, Station Supervisor W. F. Casey, Architect G. E. Archer, Superintendent of Transportation George VanKuren, W. F. Tabor, City Passenger Agent Newburgh and T. T. Dougherty, City Passenger Agent Paterson.

THE OLD DEPOT'S ROMANCE.

The old depot, which was torn down a few months ago to make room for the handsome structure the corner stone of which was laid to-day, was a most prosaic old structure, unlovely in external appearance and unsmooth and unshined in its interior arrangements, and yet it played its part in as pretty a little romance as we venture to say, ever added interest to

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such a commonplace and banal structure.

The building was built in 1842, by James Bailey, as a part of a real estate speculation, entered into in anticipation of the completion of the Erie road to Middletown. The railroad would have followed its natural route, along Monhagen brook from the southern outskirts of the city to Monhagen Avenue and West Main street, and left Mr. Bailey's big building useless on his hands, had not the chief engineer of the road, a young man named Mortor, loved Bailey's daughter. For her sake the engineer abandoned the natural line and swung the road in a great horse shoe and in front of his prospective father-in-law's new building. He made one of the craziest routes ever laid out for a railroad, but he got the girl.

A FIREMAN INJURED.

Struck by a Coupling While Unreeling Hose at Last Night's Fire.

Michael Doran, night yardmaster of the O. and W., and a member of Ontario Hose Company, met with a painful accident while at work at the France fire last night. He was endeavoring to unroll the hose when a coupling caught on the reel in some way, and Mr. Doran gave it a vigorous jerk, which resulted in the instant release of the coupling and also in its flying around and striking Mr. Doran on the head, knocking him down. He was stunned for a moment and was taken to Thrall Hospital, where it is was found that he had sustained a bad scalp wound, but fortunately the skull was not fractured.

Entertainment at the North Street Church.

The following is the programme for the entertainment, to-night, at the North Street Church:

Organ Voluntary	W. J. Stevens
Recitation	Wm. Stranbach
Duet	Mrs. Wm. Robinson, Mrs. J. E. Leach
Reading	Mrs. Bertha Tyrrell
Selection	Philharmonic Club
Reading	Mrs. Wm. Robinson
Reading	Mrs. L. Robinson
Selection	Philharmonic Club

A New England supper is to be served in the lecture room of the church from 6 to 10 p. m. Admission ten cents; supper twenty cents.

REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

Candidates Nominated by the County and Assembly Conventions, To-day.

The Republican County Convention met to-day in Goshen and renominated H. B. Fullerton for Special County Judge. He received 87 votes. H. W. Wiggins, 36, and Frank Libolt, 16.

Philip Hasbrouck was re-nominated for Superintendent of the Poor by a vote of 58 to 33 for Benjamin Hull.

At the Second District Assembly Convention, which met immediately after the County Convention, Louis Bedell, of Goshen, was unanimously renominated for member of Assembly.

W. P. Kaufman, of Otisville, was nominated for School Commissioner on the first ballot.

Jim Fisk's Coach.

The *Owego Record* says of an old embryo on an Erie freight train that was seen in that village, Wednesday: "Few recognized it as the special coach in which Jim Fisk, the king of the Erie, used to travel in regal state over his long and narrow domain. Yet it was that coach." In that old coach passed over the Erie, Jim Fisk, Jay Gould, Dan Drew, Josie Mansfield, delegations of English capitalists and scores of others known to fame. How time changes!

New Map of Middletown.

A new and perfect map of Middletown has been made by Civil Engineer J. Van R. Demarest. It shows the location of the principal buildings, post office, churches, schools, depots, etc., location of new alarm boxes, line of steam and electric roads, ward limits and lots of other information. The maps are on sale at Hamford & Horton's.

A Very Sudden Death.

James Hamill, of Newburgh, went to Supervisor McKissack's store, yesterday, to get a paper of tobacco and on returning home sat down, leaned back and died without a word. Heart disease is supposed to have been the cause of death for he had been treated for that ailment.

DeWitt's Colic & Cholera Cure. Permanent, quick results, safe to use.

The Ladies.—The pleasant effect and perfect safety with which ladies may use Syrup of Figs, under all conditions, makes it their favorite remedy. To get the true and genuine article, look for the name of the California Fig Syrup Company, printed near the bottom of the package. For sale by all responsible druggists.

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Some of the specials are going like this.

Axminster Carpet, made and laid, \$1 a yard.

Moquette Carpet, made and laid 89 cents a yard.

Tapestry Brussels Carpet, made and laid, 49 cts. a yard.

Velvet Carpet, the \$1 quality, at 69 cents a yard.

Extra Heavy Super Ingrain all wool, at 45 cents a yard.

Floor Oil Cloth, 25c quality, at 15 cents a square yard.

Chenille Portieres \$2.49 a pair.

Dress Goods!—Silks! New dress goods and silks now on sale.

Big line of Dress Goods at 25 cents a yard.

Big line of Dress Goods at 39 cents a yard.

For 50 cents we are showing 38 and 40 inch Boucle Goods and Plaids. The boucle effect is produced by a fine, curly loop thrown strongly on the top and forms a serviceable as well as a sightly surface.

The 50 inch novelties at 75c a yard make a stylish dress or skirt.

Do not miss seeing our new Black Dress Goods.

New Silks in fancy and changeable taffetas.

New autumn shades in Dresden Ribbon.

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100 pieces Flag Bunting for the Firemen's Parade.

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An extra quality Rubber Bulb Syringe, with hard rubber pipes, for

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